

VEGETATION + WILDLIFE

VEGETATION

Existing vegetation on the site is primarily pinon and juniper cover with some areas of grassland. The official designation is 'Pinon Pine Biotic Community.' Vegetation is typically concentrated around arroyo corridors and at higher elevations.

The site shows evidence of damage from overgrazing and disturbance from illegal dumping and vehicular use. This has diminished and altered herbaceous vegetation, leading to widespread desertification of understory conditions. Plant material on service roads and utility easements is limited due to grading for the service roads. Accelerated precipitation runoff and soil erosion has led to a loss of site productivity and erosive watershed conditions.

Pinon + Juniper Forests

common soils: Altazano loamy sand, Buckhorse-Altazano complex, Tanoan-Encantado complex, Encantado very cobbly sandy loam, Alire loam, Nazario gravelly loam

potential native vegetation: one-seed juniper, two-needle pinon, blue grama, black grama, sideoats grama, galleta, ring muhly, broom snakeweed, sand dropseed, Gambel oak, New Mexico feathergrass



Clearings / Meadows

common soils: Buckhorse-Altazano complex, Alire loam, Dondiego loam, Junebee gravelly sandy loam

potential native vegetation: blue grama, black grama, sand dropseed, galleta, ring muhly, broom snakeweed, Indian ricegrass



Arroyos

common soils: Levante-Riverwash complex, Dondiego loam, Junebee gravelly sandy loam

potential native vegetation: blue grama, black grama, sand dropseed, Bigelow's rubber rabbitbrush, galleta, spike dropseed, Indian ricegrass, ring muhly, broom snakeweed



WILDLIFE

The General Plan refers to the Northwest Quadrant as a Resource Protection Area in the Mountain District of 7400 foot elevation and above. In urban and semi-developed areas, numerous wildlife species such as coyote, skunk, and rabbit use these protection areas to travel between remaining patches of native habitat. Arroyos also provide nesting and burrowing habitats for coyote, badger, burrowing owls and rabbits.



cottontail rabbit



jackrabbit



badger



burrowing owl



pinon jay



stellar jay



coyote



bobcat



mountain lion

There has not been a wildlife survey of the property. Information regarding the area's wildlife was collected from sightings by various trails users and is not a complete list. The wildlife sighted are consistent with species native to this region.

Wilderness Trails



Utility Easements

